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(57) Abstract: The synthesis and biological activity of benzoisoindoloisoquinolone compounds are described. The synthesis and biological activity of C-11-substituted indenoisoquinolones are also described. Indenoisoquinolones substituted at C-11 are prepared by McMurry reactions of 11-ketoindenoisoquinolones with aldehydes.

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	CHO, W-J. A novel synthesis of benzo[c]phenanthridine skeleton and biological evaluation of isoquinoline derivatives. Chem. Pharm. Bull. 1999, Vol. 47, No. 6, pages 900-902, especially compound 13 on page 901.	1, 5, 6, 12, 24, 25
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X	WO 01/30753 (SHIYOU, L) 03 May 2001 (03.05.2001), compound 9 in figure 1.	15, 16, 19, 21, 22, 24, 25
X,P	FOX, B.M. Design, synthesis, and biological evaluation of cytotoxic 11-alkenylindenoisoquinoline topoisomerase I inhibitors and indenoisoquinoline-camptothecin hybrids. J. Med. Chem. July 2003, Vol. 46, No. 15, pages 3275-3282, especially compounds 8, 13, 18-24 and 26 on pages 3276-3279.	1-25
X	DYKE, S.F. The chemistry of cryptopine-I. Tetrahedron, 1968, Vol. 24, No. 3, pages 1455-1465, especially compound 23 on page 1463.	1, 5, 6, 12

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Box No. II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This international search report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claims Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box No. III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:
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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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BOX III. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

This application contains claims directed to more than one species of the generic invention. These species are deemed to lack unity of invention because they are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In order for more than one species to be examined, the appropriate additional examination fees must be paid. The species are as follows:

- I. Compounds of formula of claim 1, pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and a method of using these compounds.
- II. Compounds of formula of claim 15, pharmaceutical compositions containing these compounds and a method of using these compounds.

The claims are deemed to correspond to the species listed above in the following manner:

Species I : Claims 1-14

Species II : Claims 15-23

The following claim(s) are generic: Claims 24 and 25.

The species listed above do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, the species lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

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